

EDITORIAL / REDAKSIONEEL

After serving two terms as editor of *Akroterion* (1996-2001 and 2009-2019, 17 years in total), it has become time to hand over this responsibility to someone else. Professor Philip Bosman (bosmanpr@sun.ac.za) will therefore be the new editor as from volume 65. It has been a great privilege to be thus closely involved with Classics in South Africa and I wish my successor and the Editorial Committee all the best for their efforts to serve the Classics community by means of the journal. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the editorial team as well as the many reviewers who have worked hard to make each volume possible.

Much has changed over the past 25 years. Latin is no longer required to study Law, which in turn has led to the demise of Latin as school subject and to significantly fewer Latin students at universities. New programmes in Theology, especially at traditionally Afrikaans universities, have also resulted in fewer students studying Greek on an advanced and postgraduate level. Classics departments have therefore been drastically reduced or even closed. At the same time, there have been several very positive developments. At some universities Classics have joined Ancient Near Eastern Studies to offer imaginative new multidisciplinary courses on the ancient world; at others, Classics departments offer courses on medical terminology or rhetoric for students in other faculties. Classicists have also increasingly begun to engage with important topics such as decolonialisation, gender, and reception. Such innovations demonstrate the continuing value and relevance of the subject. Many universities are now furthermore able to offer postdoctoral fellowships, which attract and support younger researchers from all over the globe and add new perspectives to our understanding of the ancient world. Many of these innovations are indeed reflected in the current volume. Such developments bode well for the next 25 years of *Akroterion*.

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